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### ALL PHYSICIANS REQUIRED TO PAY NON-REFUNDABLE/NON-ROLLOVER \$125.00 FEE

Effective with the September 20, 2003 QME exam, all physicians are required to pay a non-refundable/non-rollover \$125.00 fee to sit for any upcoming Qualified Medical Evaluator examination. (Title 8, California Code of Regulations §11(f)(2)).

If you have any questions regarding the fee, please call Joanne Van Raam at 1-800-794-6900 ext. 2004 or 510-628-2004 for further information.

Please send this completed form with a \$125.00 check payable to "**Division of Workers' Compensation**" along with your application for appointment as QME, QME competency exam registration form and documentation to:

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NAME:	CA PHYSICIAN'S NUMBER:	_ CA PHYSICIAN'S NUMBER:		
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#### 12 HOUR REPORT WRITING COURSE PROVIDERS

Effective January 1, 2001, "A physician seeking appointment as a Qualified Medical Evaluator on or after January 1, 2001, shall also complete prior to appointment, a 12 hour course on Disability Evaluation Report Writing approved by the DWC", (LC §139.2).

The following are the providers approved by the Division of Workers' Compensation:

<u>NAME</u>	<b>LOCATION</b>	PHONE NUMBER
James Platto, DC/Dennis Sosine, DC	Southern California	209-966-5652
Dennis Sosine, DC/James Platto, DC	Northern California	925-676-9245
Dana Livingstone-Lopez	Southern/Northern CA	760-944-6769
California Chiropractic Association (CAA)/California Society of Industrial Medicine & Surgery (CSIMS)	Southern/Northern CA	916-648-2727
Fred Lerner, DC, Lerner Education	Southern California	800-838-8584
California Orthopedic Association (COA)	Southern California	916-454-9884

These are the only report writing course providers approved at this time. You must attend a report writing course prior to being appointed as a QME, but are **not** required to take the course prior to the QME examination, unless you wish to.

If you have any further questions you may call Joanne Van Raam, Exam Coordinator at 1-800-794-6900 ext 2004. Thank you for your interest in the Qualified Medical Evaluator program.

Sincerely, Division of Workers' Compensation

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#### **SUGGESTED REFERENCES**(For Physicians planning to take the QME Examination)

Physician's Guide to Medical Practice in the California Workers' Compensation System, An IMC publication, Winter 2001, 3rd edition. (Available from the DWC/Manual Order, PO Box 71010, Oakland, CA 94612; \$15.00) Also, available through the Internet at <a href="www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/medicalunit/toc.pdf">www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/medicalunit/toc.pdf</a>. or <a href="www.dwc.ca.gov">www.dwc.ca.gov</a>, click "Publications", click "The Physician's Guide to Medical Practice in the California Workers' Compensation System".

<u>Provisions of the California Code of Regulations; Title 8, Industrial Relations, are part of the study material for the QME examination.</u> Information is available through the DWC's website, <u>www.dwc.ca.gov</u>, click "Laws and Regulations". (A copy is included with the purchase of The Physician's Guide to Medical Practice).

Herlick, SD. <u>The California Workers' Compensation Handbook (26<sup>th</sup> Edition)</u>. Available Dec. 2007 from Matthew Bender & Co., Inc. (To order: 1-800-223-1940 approximately \$112.00, product #80283-16).

Workers' Compensation Laws of California. 2008 Edition. Matthew Bender & Co., Inc. (To place an order: 1-800-223-1940; approximately \$63.00, product #840). Especially sections: 139.2, 139.3, 139.31, 4060, 4061, 4062, 4600, 4628. Information is available through the DWC's website, <a href="www.dwc.ca.gov">www.dwc.ca.gov</a>, click "Laws and Regulations".

Thurber, P. <u>Evaluation of Industrial Disability</u>, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Oxford University Press, 1960 (Available from UCSF Bookstore, 500 Parnassus Ave., San Francisco, CA 94143. To place an order: 1-800-846-2144; \$24.95).

SB 899 (2004), SB 228 (2003), AB 749 (2002). The senate and assembly bills are located at <a href="https://www.leginfo.ca.gov">www.leginfo.ca.gov</a>

AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment 1-800-621-8335 or www.ama-assn.org



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